

REMARKS

With entry of this amendment, the status of the claims is as follows:

Original: 6; 8; 9; 10; 12; 13

Currently amended: 1; 5; 7; 11; 14

Previously presented: 0

Canceled: 2-4; 15-17

Withdrawn: 0

New: 0

With entry of this amendment, claims 1; and 5-14 are pending.

The specification has been amended to contain a reference to the Japanese application for which a benefit of priority is being claimed.

The multiple dependency has been removed from claim 5. Claim 1 was amended to provide, in the alternative, the method described in claims 2, 3 or 4; and Claims 2-4 were canceled without prejudice to future prosecution. Claims 7 and 11 were amended to properly reflect their dependency on claims 6 and 10. Claim 14 was amended to provide, in the alternative, the method described in claims 15, 16, or 17; claims 15-17 were canceled without prejudice to future prosecution.

No new matter has been introduced by any of the changes to the specification and claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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